being referred to the UN Security Council, and believes that International community needs to keep Iran engaged in a dialogue to resolve the issue. India welcomes the cooperation that Iran has been extending to the IAEA to enable it to fulfill its mandate.

Agreement with IAEA

1717. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US administration has stipulated that India sign a more restrictive safeguard agreement with IAEA than other nuclear weapon States including US has done;

(b) whether India has made any alteration on its stated stand on this issue;

(c) if so, details thereto; and

(d) the response of Government to the US stand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) The US administration has not stipulated that India sign a more restrictive safeguard agreement with IAEA than other nuclear weapon States including US have done.

(b) and (c) India has not made any alteration to its stated stand.

(d) During the meeting of the Working Group on Nuclear issue on 21 October 2005, it was made clear to the US side that the only frame work was the July 18,2005 understanding: that Congressional concerns could not lead to any change of goal posts; that India's benefits and advantages would be the same as other leading countries with advanced nuclear technologies such as the United States^and that we will place voluntarily our civilian nuclear facilities under safeguards and would negotiate an Additional Protocol.

Simplification of Passport form

1718. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not been able to design simple passport application form;